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SUMMARY. ON THE PRC DOMESTIC SCENE, THERE ARE VARIOUS INDICATIONS THAT DECISIONS AND SOLUTIONS TO VARIOUS HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL ISSUES AND QUESTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED AND ARE STILL BEING SOUGHT. MEANWHILE MEMBERS OF THE AGED MILITARY LEADERSHIP, SPECIFICALLY HSU HSIANG-CHIEN AND NIEH JUNG-CHEN, HAVE BEEN PROMINENT IN MAKING PROTOCOL PUBLIC APPEARANCE. ON THE INTERNATIONAL SIDE, PRC MEDIA HAVE NOT YET REPORTED THE UPCOMING U.S.-SOVIET SUMMIT MEETING AND HAVE GIVEN ONLY PASSING REFERENCES TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. PEKING'S LATEST ARTICLES CRITICIZING INDIA OVER SIKKIM HAVE ATTACKED MRS. GANDHI
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BY NAME AND ARE PLAYING ON THE FEARS OF INDIA'S SMALLER NEIGHBORS RE NEW DELHI'S INTENTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. CENTER SIGNALS STILL UNCLEAR

AS THE REGIME FACES ITS POLITICAL PROBLEMS AT THE CENTER AND IN THE PROVINCES, VISIBLE SIGNALS OF SOLUTIONS REMAIN BLURRED. CHAIRMAN MAO, WHETHER TRAVELING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR MEETINGS

OR SEEKING BETTER WEATHER (WR 43), REMAINS SECRETIVE ON HIS WHEREABOUTS (HONG KONG 11790). LOCAL HONG KONG CADRE FEI I-MIN INDICATED THAT THE DECISIONS ARE STILL BEING MADE AND WHILE THE NPC IS FORTHCOMING THERE ARE STILL PROBLEMS IN THE SUCCESSION TO BE WORKED OUT (HONG KONG 11774). A SZECHWAN BROADCAST POINTEDLY REFERRED TO "THE SPRIT" OF RECENT CONFERENCES INDICATING THAT PERHAPS ONLY GENERAL GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN SET AND HARD DECISIONS REMAIN TO BE FINALIZED (HONG KONG 11665).
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2. LEADERSHIP APPEARANCES--THE OLD TIMERS

AS SUCCESSION QUESTIONS AND ALIGNMENTS AMONG VARIOUS FORCES AT THE CENTER ARE UNFOLDING, THE AGING SYMBOLS OF AN EARLIER CHINESE LEADERSHIP--PARTICULARLY ON THE MILITARY SIDE--HAVE GAINED INCREASING PROMINENCE. MARSHAL HSU HSIANG-CHIEN AN NPC LEADER AND A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMISSION HAS BEEN ACTIVE SINCE EARLY SEPTEMBER IN CONNECTION WITH THE ARRIVAL OF AA SERIES OF STATE VISITORS AND PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS (WR 37). HE HAS MADE SPEECHES AT BANQUETS AND RECENTLY FOR THE HART-LING VISIT APPEARED IN A RELATIVELY UNUSUAL POSITION AS CO-GREETER WITH TENG HSIO-PING (WR 43).
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3. IN THE PAST WEEK, THE STAR OF VICE PREMIER NIEH JUNG-CHEN HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY BRIGHT. HE SERVED AS CO-HOST AT THE ANNIVERSARY BANQUET FOR KOREAN WAR VOLUNTEERS WITH PEKING MR COMMANDER CHEN HSI-LIEN (HONG KONG 11722) AND LATER TURNED UP AS PEKING'S TOP ATTENDEE AT THE IRANIAN EMBASSY CELEBRATIONS (OCTOBER 25)-- A ROLE LAST YEAR HANDLED BY VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NEIN. PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN YEH CHIEN-YING ALSO PUT IN AN APPEARANCE TO MEET THE VISITING YUGOSLAV MILITARY DELEGATION THOUGH ONLY GIVEN HIS MILITARY COMMISSION VICE CHAIRMAN TITLE--A SIGN THAT
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HE PERHAPS HAS NOT BEEN SUPERCEDED IN THAT BODY BY THOSE REPORTED AS MORE RECENT APPOINTEES (PEKING 1601).
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4. THE MOVEMENT

MEETING PRODUCTION GOALS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER REMAINS THE FOREMOST AIM OF THE MOVEMENT TO CRITICIZE LIN PIAO AND CONFUCIUS. IN RECENT WEEKS, HOWEVER, THIS EXHORTATION TO GREATER EFFORTS IN THE PROVINCES HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY COUPLED WITH LANGUAGE THAT PUTS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF 1974 GOALS AS THE BASE FOR "A NEW LEAP FORWARD IN 1975." WHILE OBVIOUSLY INTENDED IN PART TO STIMULATE FURTHER EFFORTS IN MEETING PRESENT GOALS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SLOGAN IS MORE THAN MERE RHETORIC AND MAY BE THE CURRENT LABEL FOR NEXT YEAR'S PLANNING.

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5. ELSEWHERE, THE QUEST FOR UNITY CONTINUES WITH YUNNAN REFERRING TO ITS OWN ACHIEVEMENT OF A "NEW SITUATION OF UNITY" (OCTOBER 25 BROADCAST). YUNNAN, WHICH HAS BEEN DISTURBED BY LEADERSHIP FACTIONALISM, MAY HAVE SORTED THINGS OUT--AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING--AND TOP LEADERS CONTINUE TO APPEAR TOGETHER PUBLICLY (WR 39). IN HUNAN, UNITY IS GIVEN THE PARAMOUNT POSITION ON GROUNDS THAT TO BE "PATHBREAKERS IN CRITICISM" AND TO BE "PACEMAKERS IN GRASPING REVOLUTION AND PROMOTING PRODUCTION" ONE MUST FIRST OF ALL BE "MODELS OF UNITY" (HUNAN OCTOBER 27 BROADCAST).
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6. NEW MAYOR FOR CHENGCHOW

THE VISIT OF DANISH PRIME MINISTER HARTLING TO CHENGCHOW, HONAN BROUGHT THE IDENTIFICATION OF CHANG CHUN-CHING (1728/0193/0615) AS NEW MUNICIPAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (NCNA OCTOBER 23). CHANG IS AN OLD CADRE LAST REPORTED IN 1966 AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF A PROVINCIAL LEVEL AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE AND EARLIER WAS A DEPUTY SECRETARY OF HSINHSIANG DISTRICT PARTY COMMITTEE--THE HOME BASE OF ACTIVE HONAN PARTY SECRETARY KENG CHI-CHANG. CHANG REPLACES WANG HUI (3769/3549) DEPUTY COMMANDER OF HONAN MILITARY DISTRICT WHO HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED IN PUBLIC APPEARANCES SINCE JANUARY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WANG IS ANOTHER OFFICIAL WHO HAS RETURNED TO THE BARRACKS.
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7. EDUCATION AND DCY

ACCORDING TO TWO ARTICLES AND AN EDITORIAL COMMENT FRONTPAGED ON SHANGHAI'S WEN HUI PAO OCTOBER 23, MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION IS INADEQUATE FOR THE COUNTRYSIDE. THE ARTICLES, BROADCAST OVER SHANGHAI RADIO, COMMENT THAT "STUDENTS ARE UNABLE TO APPLY WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED IN SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRYSIDE," AND "EDUCATION ...CANNOT ADAPT ITSELF TO THE SOCIALIST ECONOMIC BASE." THE ARTICLES CALLED FOR SCHOOLS TO CHANGE THEIR CURRICULUM TO

OFFER MORE VOCATIONAL COURSES RELEVANT TO THE COUNTRYSIDE.
IN ADDITION TO NOT HAVING GRASPED THE PROPER POLITICAL LINE,
TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ARE CRITICIZED FOR ADVOCATING THE FALLACY
"THERE IS NO USE TO STUDY"--ANOTHER INDICATION THAT THE DCY
PROGRAM HAS AFFECTED CLASSROOM MORALE.

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8. UNITED STATES

U.S.-SOVIET SUMMIT. PRC MEDIA HAS NOT REPORTED THE UPCOMING
U.S.-SOVIET SUMMIT. HOWEVER, AUSTRIAN DIPLOMATS IN MOSCOW CITED
CHINESE EMBASSY OFFICIALS THERE AS CLAIMING THAT THE PRC HAS NO
OBJECTION TO A FORD-BREZHNEV SUMMIT, ALTHOUGH INDICATING THAT A
VLADIVOSTOK VENUE IS CAUSE FOR CONCERN IN PEKING AND SUGGESTING
THAT THE TWO LEADERS SHOULD FIND ANOTHER LOCALE FOR THEIR MEETING
(MOSCOW 16429).

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9. THE SECRETARY'S TRAVELS AND DETENTE. PRC MEDIA HAS NOT
MENTIONED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TRIP TO INDIA AND MADE ONLY
PASSING REFERENCES TO HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW IN ARTICLES POINTING
TO AN ACCELERATING AND "NEW NUCLEAR ARMS RACE" INVOLVING ICBM.
DRAWING LARGELY FROM U.S. NEWS SOURCES, NCNA NOTED THAT, ON
THE EVE OF THE SECRETARY'S MOSCOW VISIT AND AS SALT TALKS ARE
RESUMING, THE MOST RECENT SOVIET MISSILE TESTS IN THE PACIFIC
COULD AFFECT THE U.S.-SOVIET NUCLEAR BALANCE. NCNA CONTENTS
THAT THE TESTS BELIEVE SOVIET PROFESSIONS OF A DESIRE TO LIMIT
NUCLEAR WEAPONS. AN OCTOBER 27 ARTICLE CITED A PENTAGON
SPOKESMAN'S COMMENT THAT THE U.S. MISSILE TEST FROM A CARGO PLANCE
DURING THE SECRETARY'S STAY IN MOSCOW WAS PERHAPS JUST A "HAPPY
COINCIDENCE" AND DREW UPON U.S. PRESS REPORTS OF AMERICAN
SKEPTICISM OF SOVIET GOOD FAITH. NCNA PREDICTABLY CONCLUDED
THAT, DESPITE CALLS FOR DETENTE AND STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS,
THE SUPERPOWERS ARE DAILY STEPPING UP THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE
(NCNA OCTOBER 25, 28).

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10. NUCLEAR. IN OTHER COMMENTS ON NUCLEAR ARMS, NCNA CITED
JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS CHARGING THAT MOSCOW'S DEPLOYMENT OF A
MISSILE-EQUIPPED CRUISER TO THE FAR EAST WILL CREATE TENSION
IN THE AREA AND "THE SOVIET ACTION POSED A THREAT TO THE
JAPANESE MARITIME SELF-DEFENSE FORCE AND THE U.S. SEVENTH FLEET."
JAPANESE NEWS SOURCES WERE ALSO QUOTED BY NCNA ON DEMONSTRATIONS
IN JAPAN AGAINST U.S. "INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO
JAPAN" AND JSP AND KOMEITO DEMANDS FOR DISMANTLING U.S. BASES

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IN JAPAN AND ABROGATION OF THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY. AS EVIDENCE OF PEKING'S CONCERN, NCNA ALSO CARRIED A PYONGYANG REPORT OF THE DPRK'S STRONG PROTEST AGAINST A NUCLEAR-EQUIPPED NAVAL VESSEL ENTERING SOUTH KOREA. PEKING, WHILE HIGHLIGHTING EVIDENCE OF DISSATISFACTION, HAS CAREFULLY REFRAINED FROM INJECTING ANY COMMENT OR PRONOUNCEMENT OF ITS OWN (NCNA OCTOBER 22, 25, 26).

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11. UNITED NATIONS

PRC MEDIA REPORTING ON THE UN THIS WEEK CONCENTRATED ON THREE ISSUES WITH THE THEME OF SUPERPOWER CONTENTION PREDOMINATING. STATING CLEARLY THAT THE PRC DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTING AND WOULD NOT PAY ITS SHARE OF THE REQUIRED EXPENDITURES, NCNA OCTOBER 24 REPORTED THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S EXTENSION OF THE UN EMERGENCY FORCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE NCNA VIEW WAS THAT THE UNEF PROVIDED NO REAL SOLUTION AND COULD ONLY PAVE THE WAY FOR INTERNATIONAL INTERFERENCE "WITH THE SUPERPOWERS AS THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES BOSS." ON THE FOURTH COMMITTEE DEBATE ON RHODESIA, NCNA OCTOBER 28 SAW "IMPERIALIST (READ U.S.) CONNIVANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE REACTIONARY SMITH REGIME" WHILE THE SOVIETS PROVIDED "SHAM SUPPORT AND TRUE BETRAYAL OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS." NCNA OCTOBER 23 CONSIDERED THE LEGAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ON DEFINING AGGRESSION AS HAVING BEEN DRAGGED OUT BY THE SUPERPOWERS WHO WISHED TO DEFINE AGGRESSION NARROWLY WHILE CONTINUING THEIR OWN AGGRESSION BY "PLUNDERING RESOURCES, INFILTRATING ON ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND INTERESTS, TRAMPLING SOVEREIGNTY, AND INTERFERING IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS" OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.

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12. INDIA

AGGRESSION, THIS TIME BY INDIA WITH SOVIET SUPPORT AGAINST
SIKKIM, WAS ALSO THE SUBJECT OF TWO LONG NCNA ARTICLES OCTOBER

21 AND 27. THE FIRST ARTICLE ATTACKED MRS. GANDHI BY NAME WHILE THE SECOND LARGELY PLAYED ON FEARS OF INDIA'S SMALLER NEIGHBORS CONCERNING INDIAN INTENTIONS. SINCE THE SECOND ARTICLE WAS RELEASED THE DAY SECRETARY KISSINGER ARRIVED IN NEW DELHI, IT APPARENTLY WAS ALSO MEANT TO SERVE AS AN INDICATION TO THE USG OF CHINA'S CURRENT DISPLEASURE WITH INDIAN ACTIONS (HONG KONG 11808).

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13. THE MIDDLE EAST

ENDORING ARAB GOALS, PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI ON OCTOBER 26 SENT A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE SEVENTH ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN RABAT AS PRC MEDIA MOVED TO DISCREDIT THE SOVIET EFFORTS IN THE AREA AND DEPICTED MOSCOW AS A BETRAYER OF THE ARAB CAUSE. ON OCTOBER 27, NCNA PORTRAYED THE SOVIETS AS BEING FORCED ON THE DEFENSIVE BY U.S. DIPLOMATIC SUCCESSES IN THE AREA. IT CONTENDED THAT MOSCOW, HOPING TO HAVE A ROLE IN ANY FINAL NEGOTIATIONS, NOW FAVORS THE CONVENING OF A GENEVA CONFERENCE AND BACKS THE PLO IN AN EFFORT TO USE THE ORGANIZATION AS A BARGAINING COUNTER TO OBSTRUCT ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. SOLUTIONS. NCNA ALSO REPLAYED ARAB PRESS REPORTS DENOUNCING MOSCOW FOR PERMITTING EMIGRATION OF SOVIET JEWS IN EXCHANGE FOR U.S. GRATING OF MFN STATUS (HONG KONG 11777).
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14. EASTERN EUROPE

THE PRC PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO THE YUGOSLAV AND ROMANIAN MILITARY DURING THE WEEK. A YUGOSLAV ARMY DELEGATION, HEADED BY THE VICE CHIEF OF STAFF, ARRIVED IN PEKING OCTOBER 22 AND IS CURRENTLY VISITING OTHER PARTS OF CHINA. THE GROUP WAS MET AND HOSTED BY VICE CHIEF OF STAFF LI TA AND HAD A MEETING WITH POLITBURO MEMBER AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMISSION YEH CHIEN-YING. THE ROMANIAN ARMED FORCES 30TH ANNIVERSARY COVERAGE BY PRC MEDIA INCLUDED EXTENSIVE EXCERPTS FROM CEAUSESCU'S BUCHAREST SPEECH, A "REPORT MEETING" HOSTED BY THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR IN PEKING ATTENDED BY 1,500 PLA MEMBERS, A PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE ON ROMANIA ENTITLED "VIGILANTLY DEFENDING THEIR MOTHERLAND," AND MILITARY COMMISSAR VICE CHAIRMAN HSU HSIANG-CHIEN'S ATTENDANCE AT THE ROMANIAN MILITARY ATTACHE'S RECEPTION. THE ROMANIAN ARMY WAS DEPICTED THROUGHOUT AS PREPARED TO DEFEND THEIR NATION AGAINST AGGRESSION ALTHOUGH THE PROBABLE AGGRESSOR WAS NEVER MENTIONED BY NAME (NCNA OCTOBER 23, 25).
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15. EUROPEAN UNITY

NCNA REPORTED ON CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S VISITS TO BELGIUM AND FRANCE AND QUOTED HIM AS STATING THAT CANADA DESIRES TO STRENGTHEN BOTH BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPE AS WELL AS EEC RELATIONS. TRUDEAU WAS ALSO QUOTED AS LINKING THESE DESIRES TO AN EFFORT TO COUNTER THE MASSIVE U.S. PRESENCE IN CANADA. ON OCTOBER 24, NCNA REPORTED FRENCH PRESIDENT D'ESTAING'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR FURTHER PROGRESS IN WESTERN EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION (NCNA OCTOBER 23-25).
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16. AID AND TRADE WITH NORTH VIETNAM

A DRVN DELEGATION HEADED BY VICE PREMIER LE THANH NGHI WAS IN PEKING OCTOBER 25-28 TO SIGN THE ANNUAL MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS AND TRADE AND PAYMENT PROTOCOLS WITH THE PRC. VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN HOSTED THE GROUP, WHICH ALSO HAD A HOSPITAL MEETING WITH CHOU EN-LAI. AS USUAL, NO FIGURES OR FURTHER INFORMATION WERE PROVIDED ON THE AGREEMENTS FOR 1975.
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NORTH VIETNAM WAS APPARENTLY SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS SINCE A HANOI EDITORIAL OCTOBER 27 CARRIED A GLOWING ACCOUNT OF CHINA'S ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR NORTH VIETNAM, A TRIBUTE WHICH NCNA MODESTLY SUMMARIZED TWO DAYS LATER (NCNA OCTOBER 25-29).
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